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Letter dated 28 April 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights

I have the honour to convey to you, in my capacity as the Coordinator of the Asian Group, the following specific matter:

"The Asian Group is constrained to bring to the attention of the Commission an incident which we view with great concern. During the Commission's debate in plenary under agenda item 17 (b), an observer State made baseless allegations against some members of the Asian Group without verifying the sources. We were given to understand that this observer State would take steps to remedy this unfortunate situation. We regret that this has not been done so far. We believe that such baseless statement undermines the credibility of this Commission."

I have also the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on Human Rights.

(Signed) N. Hassan WIRAJUDA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative